

**APPROVED**  
**BOARD OF STATE HISTORY RETREAT**  
**AUGUST 23, 2007**  
**This Is the Place Heritage Park**  
**9:00 – 3:00**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Michael Homer, chair  
Martha Bradley, vice chair  
Chere Romney  
Claudia Berry  
Bob McPherson

Max Smith  
Michael Winder  
Scott Christensen  
Ron Coleman  
Maria Garciaz  
Greg Thompson

**Staff:**

Palmer DePaulis, Executive Director, Dept Community & Culture  
Allyson Isom, Deputy, Dept. Community and Culture  
Phil Notarianni.  
Wilson Martin  
Kent Powell  
Kristen Jensen  
Lynette Lloyd

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**WELCOME**

Michael Homer welcomed everyone to the retreat and This Is the Place Heritage Park. Everyone was introduced and each person told a little about themselves.

Michael reviewed with the Board the Governor's cabinet members, Department of Community and Culture's and State History's organizational charts. He cited the Board's duties according to UCA UCA 9-8-204 & 205.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURE**

Ally Isom gave a brief history of DCC and how they are finding ways to unite very diverse agencies within the department. The common thread is digitization. The Department's goal is to create access to collections, artifacts, art, online documentation and housing projects. The legislature funded 1.3 million and 500,000 ongoing for digitization to maximize the value of the states resources. DCC created an IT Council with Division Directors to develop a process to move forward. DCC held project management training and hired a project manager, Randy Cox. State History understands the value of these methods. Ally encouraged the Board to seek partnerships to assist DCC legislatively with digitization.

The legislature recognized the problems surrounding human remains on private lands and the Division was allocated \$100,000 ongoing funds. The Division of Indian Affairs will work with State History to determine burials and the need to repatriate Native American remains. Ally also reported that DCC will continue to seek enhancing cultural heritage funding.

State agencies have received strategic planning direction from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. The Governor is focusing on strategic planning and organization development. He has put forth four pillars: economic development, education, quality of

life and governance. In closing Ally emphasized that the Department of Community and Culture sees themselves as a resource to divisions.

### **PRESENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE**

Phil introduced the strategic planning process. Wilson briefly gave an overview of the plan and the five strategic areas:

Information Delivery  
Collections and Holdings  
Partners and Affiliates  
Climate and Culture  
Lifelong Learning

The Division will focus on web design and databases as main objectives of the Information Delivery.

### **DIGITIZATION PROJECT PRESENTATION**

Kristen Jensen gave the digitization projects presentation that was demonstrated to the division directors a couple of weeks ago. The projects include: Archaeology database project, Historic building database project and The People of Utah digitization pilot project from the 1976 book "Peoples of Utah." The archaeology database project was the number one project supported by all divisions. State History was awarded over \$600,000 of the 1.3 million for their projects.

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING BOARD INVOLVMENT**

- Bob McPherson stressed the importance of Native American history and place names.
- There was a discussion regarding the format of the *Utah Historical Quarterly*; to make it more appealing to the general public. A majority of the Board agreed the format should remain scholarly in order to protect the integrity of the *Utah Historical Quarterly* as an historical record.
- Could *Currents* be published on the internet?
- Provide a process where student papers could be published in the *Utah Historical Quarterly*.
- Have more sessions at the History Conference for credits: Law, Architecture, etc.
- Board may encourage private donations to the Utah State Historical Society.
- The Alta Club, and maybe other hotels, may want to host our speakers and provide a reception for our events.
- How can the Board encourage more schools to get involved with the Utah History Fair?
- What role does the Board play in fundraising?
- History Fair pod casted.
- Legislative Action
  - The Board should let Legislators know what is important to the Division.
  - Ally Isom has a presentation to help promote issues to Legislators

The Board adjourned at 2:45.